

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Kirk Wagoner, on February 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 361, 2/9/2017; HB 409, 2/9/2017; SB 129, 2/9/2017; HB 17
Executive Action: HB 369; HB 387; HB 395; SB 100; HB 17; SB 129

00:01:27 Rep. Mandeville joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 17, Increase HCBS waiver slots and assisted living reimbursement rates.

00:02:16 Rep. Regier joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:20 Rep. Ballance

00:11:42 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association

EXHIBIT(huh37a01)

00:13:22 Travis Hoffman, Montana Centers for Independent Living

00:14:44 Diana Helgeson, Churchill Retirement Home and Assisted Living

00:16:17 Lynn Mullowney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

00:18:58 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place

EXHIBIT(huh37a02)

00:23:25 Sherri Maharg, Self

00:24:46 Amy Shein, Facility Owner

00:25:12 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

00:26:41 Jane Amdahl, Self

00:27:49 Kelly Thompson, Self

00:29:42 Christy Davidson, Self

00:31:38 Nick Hart, Alzheimer's Association

00:33:28 Brenda Dahl, Self

00:33:47 Fran Viereck, Self

EXHIBIT(huh37a03)

00:34:01 Hazel Noonan, Caslin Living Centers

00:34:16 Claudia Clifford, AARP

EXHIBIT(huh37a04)

00:34:40 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

00:34:55 Tony Simensen, Home Park Assisted Living; Spring Hill

00:35:23 Kelly Jepson, Consumer Direct Care Network

EXHIBIT(huh37a05)

00:35:43 Larry Plant, Lighthouse Assisted Living

00:36:07 Jewel Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network

00:36:24 Micah Nielson, Montana Women Vote

00:36:36 Nanette Whitman Holmes, Touchmark

00:37:02 Janet Sheehy, Self

00:37:18 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

00:37:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:38:03 Sandra Milstein, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:38:36 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:17 Rep. Mandeville
00:39:55 Rep. Ehli
00:40:54 Rep. Dunwell
00:41:29 Janet Sheehy, Self
00:43:10 Rep. Dunwell
00:43:28 Sandra Milstein, Self
00:44:24 Rep. Karjala
00:45:18 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
00:46:11 Rep. Karjala
00:47:37 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
00:47:38 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:04 Rep. Ehli

00:51:13 Recess
00:58:38 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:49 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 361, Revise SNAP eligibility.

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:03 Lori Anne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a07\)](#)

01:13:41 Pinkie Medora, Montana Academy of Dietetics

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a08\)](#)

01:15:12 Rep. Pierson left the meeting

01:16:42 Jamie Palagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:19:28 Joan Schmidt, Montana Partnership to End Child Hunger (MontPEC)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a09\)](#)

01:21:22 Sharon Odden, Family Promise

01:25:16 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians

01:26:07 Heidi West, Self

01:28:47 Kim Gilchrist, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a10\)](#)

01:30:26 Sandy Merdinger, AARP
 01:31:13 Hermine Harold, North MT Community Development Association
 01:31:41 Pat Bollinger, Self

EXHIBIT(huh37a11)

01:31:54 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

EXHIBIT(huh37a12)

01:32:30 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group
 01:32:47 Micah Nielsen, Montana Women Vote
 01:33:09 Suzanne Melina-K, Self

EXHIBIT(huh37a13)

01:33:20 Albert Geiser, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition

EXHIBIT(huh37a14)

EXHIBIT(huh37a15)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:59 Rep. Regier
 01:34:39 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
 01:34:50 Rep. Regier
 01:35:27 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
 01:35:51 Rep. Jacobson
 01:37:57 Rep. Karjala
 01:39:16 Heather O'Laughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
 01:39:59 Rep. Karjala
 01:40:15 Rep. Jacobson
 01:40:39 Rep. Burnett
 01:40:53 Rep. Jacobson
 01:43:10 Rep. Burnett
 01:43:35 Rep. Harris
 01:44:00 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
 01:45:03 Rep. Harris
 01:45:15 Rep. Dunwell
 01:46:19 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
 01:47:09 Rep. Dunwell
 01:49:02 Rep. Usher
 01:49:07 Chair Wagoner
 01:49:46 Rep. Karjala
 01:50:01 Rep. Dunwell
 01:50:22 Rep. Burnett
 01:51:34 Chair Wagoner
 01:51:48 Rep. Burnett
 01:52:44 Rep. Hill Smith
 01:54:12 Rep. Burnett
 01:55:06 Rep. Hill Smith
 01:55:48 Rep. Burnett
 01:56:28 Rep. Usher

01:57:08 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
01:57:30 Rep. Usher
01:57:50 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
01:58:07 Rep. Usher
01:58:57 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
01:59:18 Rep. Karjala
01:59:59 Lori Anne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
02:00:11 Rep. Karjala
02:00:55 Lori Anne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
02:01:35 Rep. Karjala
02:02:47 Lori Anne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
02:03:15 Rep. Harris
02:04:18 Lori Anne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
02:05:10 Rep. Harris
02:05:37 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
02:05:54 Rep. Harris
02:06:18 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS
02:06:32 Rep. Ricci joined the meeting
02:06:40 Rep. Sales
02:07:04 Rep. Burnett
02:07:27 Rep. Sales
02:07:37 Rep. Burnett
02:07:46 Rep. Sales
02:08:07 Rep. Burnett
02:08:39 Rep. Usher
02:09:24 Heidi West, Self
02:10:00 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:35 Rep. Burnett

02:13:08 Recess

02:27:05 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 409**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:27:18 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 409, Restrict opioid prescriptions.

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a18\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:35:31 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System
02:42:31 Nikki Phillips, Benefis Health System
02:48:41 Brad Gremaux, Montana Department of Justice
02:49:35 Rep. Jacobson left the meeting

Opponents' Testimony:

02:50:00 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a19\)](#)

02:54:14 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians

02:56:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

02:57:08 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a20\)](#)

03:01:43 Dr. Curtis Blake, Physician

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:02:48 Rep. Usher

03:03:12 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:03:23 Rep. Usher

03:03:43 Rep. Harris

03:04:52 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:05:12 Rep. Harris

03:06:22 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:07:19 Rep. Ricci

03:07:33 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:08:03 Rep. Ricci

03:10:41 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:11:05 Rep. Sales

03:11:43 Brad Nieset, Benefis Health System

03:11:51 Rep. Lenz

03:12:31 Jean Branscum, MMA

03:12:51 Dr. Curtis Blake

03:13:13 Rep. Lenz

03:14:34 Dr. Curtis Blake

03:14:58 Rep. Lenz

03:15:22 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Closing by Sponsor:

03:15:57 Rep. Brown

03:20:35 Chair Wagoner

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:21:03 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 129, Require insurance coverage of teledentistry.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:22:44 Dr. Jane Gillette, Montana Dental Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a21\)](#)

03:25:16 Aimee Grmoljez, Delta Dental
03:26:05 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a22\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:27:44 Sen. Caferro

03:29:25 Recess
03:47:03 Reconvene

03:47:12 Chair Wagoner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 369

03:47:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 369 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Wagoner voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387

03:48:11 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 387 DO PASS**.
03:48:24 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Discussion:

03:48:42 Rep. Dunwell
03:49:53 Rep. Harris

03:50:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 395

03:51:54 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 395 DO PASS**.
03:52:07 Sue O'Connell, LSD

Discussion:

03:52:16 Rep. Mandeville
03:52:51 Rep. Kelker
03:53:39 Rep. Sales
03:54:08 Chair Wagoner
03:54:13 Rep. Karjala
03:55:16 Rep. Dunwell

03:55:39 Rep. Usher
03:56:17 Rep. Harris

03:56:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hill Smith, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Pierson and Rep. M. Regier voting aye. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

03:58:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 395 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100

03:58:24 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **SB 100 BE CONCURRED IN**.

03:58:31 Sue O'Connell, LSD

03:58:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hill Smith, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Regier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 17

04:00:22 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 17 DO PASS**.

04:00:30 Sue O'Connell, LSD

04:01:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 129

04:01:39 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **SB 129 BE CONCURRED IN**.

04:01:46 Sue O'Connell, LSD

04:01:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Knokey will carry the bill.

04:03:11 Chair Wagoner
04:06:25 Rep. Kelker
04:06:46 Sue O'Connell
04:07:26 Rep. Mandeville
04:07:59 Chair Wagoner
04:08:5 Rep. Dunwell
04:08:16 Chair Wagoner
04:08:32 Rep. Kelker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 04:08:53

Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh37aad.pdf](#))